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NOTES OF A DISCUSSION IN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OFFICE, FRIDAY, JULY 20th

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on

Outline of Steps to be Taken in  
Event of No Armistice  
in Korea

1. Diplomatic preparation for breakdown of talks.

This is being done by State through discussion with  
16 Ambassadors of countries participating in Korea.

2. Public opinion preparation for breakdown of talks

(a) information media:

Mr. Barrett of State will do this with an inter-  
departmental group. Mr. Short will handle for  
White House

(b) Congressional committees:

State is covering Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
and House Foreign Affairs Committee. Defense will  
cover Armed Services Committees.

3. Short statement by Ridgway on issues of breakdown.

Any Washington participation will be by State and  
Defense.

4. Major speech by the President on situation created by the  
breakdown.

State is preparing draft with President in role of  
U. N. leader. Mr. Bell will handle for White House.

5. Message from the President to

(a) U. N. troops in Korea:

Defense is studying this.

(b) U. N. governments having troops in Korea:

State is working on this, possibly in form of  
confidential message.

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Mr. Bell will be White House coordinator.

6. Report by the President to the United Nations.

State is preparing this. Mr. Bell will handle for White House.

7. Consultation with United Kingdom and Soviet Union on situation created by breakdown.

State is studying this, including the possibility of approach to Moscow before breakdown of talks.

8. Special task force to organize and pursue a propaganda offensive.

Gordon Gray will be asked to handle this through Psychological Strategy Board.

9. Intensified effort to obtain more U. N. troops for Korea.

State will undertake this.

10. Complete economic sanctions against Red China.

State will handle.

11. Further U. N. or Congressional condemnation of Red China (?)

State is studying, including possibility of declaring Red China an international outlaw rather than a Congressional declaration of war.

12. Additional measures of U. S. mobilization; additional deployment of U. S. naval and air forces to Western Pacific.

Defense will make any necessary recommendations.

13. Additional measures in assuring security of Southeast Asia

- (a) additional guarantees (?)
- (b) public warning about other adventures (?)
- (c) discussions with India and Indonesia

Will be subject of new NSC policy recommendation.

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14. Examination of realistic expeditionary and defensive capabilities of Chinese Nationalists.

Defense [ ] will prepare, including study of both expeditionary and defense capabilities.

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15. Military measures.

State and Defense are studying JCS memo on the subject.

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Question of need for new NSC policy recommendations regarding Korea to be decided by further study by State and Defense.

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